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**Socratic Seminar Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Directions:

Using the Constitution and the information from the attached three articles be prepared to participate in a Socratic Seminar that addresses the below focus and discussion questions.

**Focus Question:**

Did the drafters of the Constitution correctly allocate power and rights among the national government, state governments and the people?

**Discussion Questions:**

* What specific parts of the Constitution are illuminated in the news article?
* Explain how this story illustrates the principle of federalism. Be specific in your response.

Socratic Seminar Rubric:

*Feedback:*

X = missing

√- = needs improvement

√ = proficient

√ + = exemplary

N/A = did not see/hard to judge

**During a discussion, you should be:**

* **Listening to your classmates**
  + giving positive reinforcement (nodding, helping out)
  + taking notes
  + making eye contact
  + shares “air time”
* **Adding new information**
* **Using specific, relevant and accurate evidence**
  + Cite your source (with the pg. number or author if possible)
  + Using specific evidence including quotations or paraphrasing of the source
* **Transitioning effectively from previous comments**
  + Use qualifiers (adding onto Ms. Katz’s point, I disagree with Ms. Katz and instead believe…) that are specific to the previous comments
  + Offer evidence that directly supports or counters previous evidence (the evidence about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is also supported on pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_ when the author says)
* **Take risks**
  + Adding a risky idea that is controversial can inspire a great discussion
  + Do not be afraid to disagree with a comment or offer a counter opinion if the group
  + Add your own opinion or information that you know on your own
* **Answer the question/prompt: This is the analysis**
  + Help *guide* your group toward coming to a resolution that answers the question.
  + *Resolve* disagreements rather than just the idea to “agree to disagree”
  + *Analyze* evidence presented to answer the question/prompt